

WE CLAIM:

1. A printing system for printing a document, said printing system comprising:

5 a job preparation station, including processor and a memory, said job preparation station generating a flag stored in memory indicating that a selected page in a document to be printed contains a tab, and said job preparation station including an input device for a user to input the marker and information to be rendered on said tab; and

10 a print output module that receives the flag and information to be rendered on said tab and prints said information on said tab.

2. The printing system of claim 1 wherein the tab flag and tab information are stored as objects.

3. The printing system of claim 2 wherein said objects are page objects.

15 4. The printing system of claim 3 wherein said objects comprise PDF objects.

5. The printing system of claim 1 wherein a tab sheet is created as an additional page to the document.

20 6. A printing system for printing a document, said printing system comprising:

a stock input source containing a set of tab stock comprising a plurality of tab stock sheets having tabs at different locations,

25 a job preparation station, including processor and a memory, said job preparation station generating a flag stored in memory indicating that a selected page in a document to be printed contains a tab;

a user interface including an input device for a user to input the marker and tab label information to be rendered on said tab and to allow a user to select a specific tab stock to be used in the document, the tab label information being entered independent of the tab specific tab stock, wherein the processor
5 creates an additional page to the document as a tab sheet, and the tab sheet contains the tab label information and the location of the tab in the tab set based on the order of the tabs in the set; and

a print output module that receives the flag and information to be rendered on said tab and prints said information on said tab.

10 7. The printing system of claim 6 wherein the tab flag and tab information are stored as objects.

8. The printing system of claim 7 wherein said objects are page objects.

15 9. The printing system of claim 8 wherein said objects comprise PDF objects.

10. The printing system of claim 6 wherein a tab sheet is created as an additional page to the document.

11. A method of printing a document on a printing system including a print output module, said method comprising:

20 generating a flag indicating that a selected page in a document to be printed contains a tab;

inputting a marker and information to be rendered on said tab into the printing system; and

25 using the flag and information to be rendered on said tab to print said information on said tab on a print output module; and

using said print output module to print said information to be rendered on said tab on tab stock.

12. The method of claim 11 further comprising storing the tab flag and
- tab information as objects.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein said step of storing comprises
storing objects are page objects.

5 14. The method of claim 13 wherein said step of storing objects as page
objects comprises storing objects as PDF objects.

15. The method of claim 11 further comprising creating a tab sheet as
an additional page to the document.

10 16. A method for printing a document on a printing system including a
print output module, said method comprising:

providing a set of tab stock comprising a plurality of tab stock
sheets having tabs at different locations,

generating a flag indicating that a selected page in a document to be
printed contains a tab;

15 at a user interface inputting a marker and information to be rendered
on said tab into the printing system;

using the flag and information to be rendered on said tab to print
said information on said tab on a print output module;

20 selecting a specific tab stock to be used in the document, the tab
label information being entered independent of the tab specific tab stock
selection;

creating a tab sheet as an additional page to the document, the tab
sheet containing the tab label information and the location of the tab in the tab set
based on the order of the tabs in the set; and

25 using the print output module to receive the flag and information to
be rendered on said tab and print said information on said tab.

17. The method of claim 16 further comprising storing the tab flag and tab information as objects.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein said step of storing comprises storing objects are page objects.

5 19. The method of claim 18 wherein said step of storing objects as page objects comprises storing objects as PDF objects.